



Time running out for court amnesty

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Some have taken advantage of the deal, but many have not. - and they are running out of time, Flint District Court officials said.

People for whom local judges have issued bench warrants for unpaid traffic fines and tickets can still save 20 percent on late fees if they pay before the end of March.

Melissa Gifford, a supervisor at the court who collects fines and fees, says the court's amnesty program ends on the afternoon of March 30.

Collections are up about 17 percent since the court began putting the word out last month about waiving late fees.

Those who want to pay by mail need to write the ticket or case number on their check or money order.

The late fees being waived during the amnesty are strictly local ones, Gifford stressed. The court can't excuse state penalties and fines, such as those who were driving with suspended licenses.

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